

GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA
ABSTRACT

Public Servants – Forest Department - Allegation of Corruption against Sri Vallamdasu Srinivas Rao, Forest Range Officer, Echoda Range, Adilabad District – Trapped on 13-02-2014 – Sanction of Prosecution under the Prevention of Corruption Act - Orders - Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (FOR.III) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No. 185

Dated: 02-11-2017

ORDER:-

Whereas, Sri Vallamdasu Srinivas Rao, S/o Bixamaiah, worked as Forest Range Officer, Echoda Range, Adilabad District during the period from 08.08.2011 to 13.2.2014 and as such he is public servant within the meaning of clause (c) of section (2) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (Central Act 49 of 1988).

2. And Whereas, the complainant is Sri Pathan Khayyum Khan S/o Magdum Khan, Carpenter & Owner, Limra Timber Depot R/o H.No.1-6, Badar Hathnur Road, Echoda, Adilabad District, obtained license in the name of his mother, Smt. Raheemunnisa and was running a Furniture Shop on the name and style of Limra Timber Depot at Echoda along with his father since 2001. The shop was being renewed in the March of every year. About 10 days prior to the complaint, the Complainant was called by Sri V. Srinivas, Forest Range Officer, Echoda through Sri Dhan Singh, Forest Beat officer, Echoda, he approached the Forest Range Officer in the office at Echoda. Then the Forest Range Officer, demanded him an amount of Rs.10,000/- as bribe and said if not paid, he would seize his shop by registering a case and further threatened that the license of his shop would not be renewed. Though the Complainant pleaded that the business in his shop declined and expressed his inability to pay the bribe, Sri V. Srinivas, Forest Range Officer demanded to pay bribe amount within one week and sent him back. After a week, as he had not met Sri V. Srinivas, Forest Range Officer again called him to his office on 11.02.2014 and reiterated the earlier demand of bribe. On his persistent requests that he was unable to pay the bribe amount, finally Sri V. Srinivas, Forest Range Officer, reduced the demanded bribe amount to Rs.5,000/- and threatened him to pay the same, otherwise he will seize the shop by booking a false case against his shop illegally and further threatened him that the license of his shop would not be renewed. On that, he reluctantly agreed to pay the demanded bribe amount of Rs.5,000/- within 2 or 3 days. But he did not willing to give such demanded bribe amount to Sri V. Srinivas Rao, Forest Range Officer, Echoda.

3. And whereas, it is further alleged that Sri V. Srinivas Rao, worked as Forest Range Officer, Echoda Range of Adilabad district demanded and accepted an amount of Rs.5,000/- from the said complainant as illegal gratification other than legal remuneration from the said Sri Pathan Khayyum Khan, on 13.02.2014 at 1320 hours, was trapped by the ACB Officials of Karimnagar Range in Cr.No.6/RCT-ACB-KNR/2014. When the Deputy Superintendent of Police, Anti Corruption Bureau, asked Si V. Srinivas Rao, Forest Range Officer, Echoda Range of Adilabad district to produce the said bribe amount, for which he picked out the same from his left side denim Jeans shirt pocket and as per the directions of the Deputy Superintendent of Police, Anti Corruption Bureau, he handed over the tainted amount of Rs.5,000/- to one of the mediators. The mediators counted and compared the numbers and denominations of the currency notes already noted in the pre- trap proceedings and found them tallied. The Deputy Superintendent of Police organized chemical test on both the hand fingers of Sri V. Srinivas Rao, Forest Range Officer, Echoda Range of Adilabad district and both the hands yielded positive.

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4. And Whereas, the above said acts of Sri V. Srinivas Rao, Forest Range Officer, Echoda range of Adilabad district, constitute an offence punishable under section 7 and sub-section (2) of section 13 read with clause (d) of sub-section (1) of section 13 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (Central Act 49 of 1988).

5. And whereas, the Government of Telangana, being the authority competent to remove the said Sri V. Srinivas Rao, Forest Range Officer, Echoda Range of Adilabad district, from service, after careful examination of the material viz., copy of FIR, pre-tap & post-trap proceedings, statements of witness, Final report Director, Anti Corruption Bureau, Telangana State, Hyderabad and all the relevant documents placed before me, in respect of the said allegation and having regard to the circumstances of the case, consider that the said Sri V. Srinivas Rao, Forest Range Officer, Echoda Range of Adilabad district should be prosecuted in a court of law for the said offences.

6. Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by clause (b) of sub-section(1) of section 19 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (Central Act 49 of 1988) hereby accord sanction for prosecution of the said Sri V. Srinivas Rao, Forest Range Officer, Echoda Range of Adilabad district, for offences punishable under section 7 and sub-section (2) of section 13 read with clause (d) of sub-section (1) of section 13 of the prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (Central Act 49 of 1988) and for other cognate offence punishable under any other provision of law for the time being in force in respect of the above said acts and for taking cognizance of the said offence by the court of competent jurisdiction.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF TELANGANA)

(DR. RAJAT KUMAR)
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Director General, Anti-corruption Bureau, Telangana, Hyderabad.
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